



SAFETY DIVISION

Near Miss



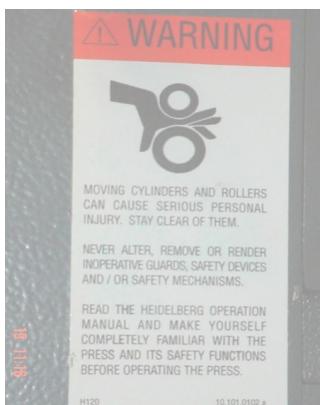
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On 19 Jul 04, at approximately 1030 hrs a Ft Bragg soldier was preparing an industrial printing press for operations. It is reported that the soldier's fingers became caught in the rollers during the start-up procedures. The soldier's hand was being pulled into the printing press. The soldier, thinking quickly, used his foot to hit the emergency shutoff button. This accident had the potential to be serious - a "Near Miss".

He began to call for help.....



.....20 minutes passed before someone heard his call for help. The exterior door handle was missing and the unit was unable to get to the soldier. The unit was able to force a side door open. The fire department removed his hand from the printing press.

Leaders are asked to remind their soldiers that operating around machinery can be very dangerous. Safety guidelines must be present for the safety of everyone and must be followed. If soldiers find themselves in a hurry and begin to cut corners someone could get hurt.

This accident had the potential to be deadly!

COMMAND ATTENTION REQUIRED